

CITY DEPARTMENT.

Mud is drying up rapidly.
Farmers are more cheerful.
People are working in their gardens to-day.
Prayer meetings at all the churches this evening.
Ladies were out shopping in force this afternoon, and quite a raid was made upon dry goods.
For choice peaches, potatoes and "garlic truck" go to Niedermyer's, near the Mount.
Everybody likes the "Fast Mail" line cut sold by Newell & Hammer.
Harvey Downing's back responds promptly to all orders, making calls in any part of the city.
Leave orders at Armstrong's for B. F. Taylor's back. It calls for and delivers passengers in any part of the city.
The park is getting on its summer clothes and begins to look like a pleasant place of resort.
"Make your home happy," said a club man to a friend, "even if you have to lay away from it, as I do."
Strawberries are selling from 25 to 40 cents per box, quite moderate for the first of the season.
From Warrsburg we learn that farmers are plowing today, and that hay and rilling hand works well.
This is the season of the year for putting new wall paper upon rooms, and the place to buy it at Abel & Locke's.
More new carpet goods at Abel & Locke's and they are beautiful.
H. Post has a full supply of musical instruments, which he sells very cheap. Also, all the latest publications of sheet music.
A full line of approved medicines at Armstrong's.
For this or cottage service, or a nobly ivory fit, call on Lacy & Bro., just south of the St. Nicholas Hotel.
Hot weather is coming, and ladies will desire to do their cooking and other household requiring fire, without heating their rooms, and this they may do by procuring one of R. C. Crocker's oil stoves. Ladies, call and examine them, and you will be delighted with their convenience.
Mr. James Keefe has bought the building on Merchant street, recently occupied as an auction store by Minkley & Dodson, and intends to put in a new plate glass front, and otherwise improve it, making one of the finest store-rooms in the city. Jim says the upstairs business has got to "go."
John is being overrun with rats. One man killed 250 in one day, and they are found burrowed in the ground by hundreds by persons plowing. The people should build a rat penitentiary, and chuck the vermin into it.
Remember the Grand Hibernian and Irish Minstrels on Friday and Saturday evenings. Also a grand matinee on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.
The home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Riley, on Mason street, was gladdened on Monday night by the arrival of a bouncing girl. The new comer has already demonstrated the fact that she has lungs.
Lots of fellows bet yesterday morning that it would rain again inside of twenty-four hours, because the weather had cleared up in the night. Time is up and no rain yet. The moral is, that signs sometimes fail in a wet time as well as in a dry one.
We were told to-day by a farmer who has been in the county twenty-five years, that several times within his knowledge but very little corn was planted until June, and much the larger portion was planted between the 8th and 15th, and that excellent crops were raised each year. He says that farmers have no cause whatever to be discouraged, and he prophesies good crops this year. This is undoubtedly the right view to take of affairs, and though delayed a little by bad weather, the tillers of the soil should plant liberally, in full faith that they will be rewarded by an abundant harvest.
Fine, all-wool cassimere custom-made pants at \$4.50—the biggest bargain ever offered in this market—at
B. STINE'S, the Clothier.
May 7 d10d

Gents, call and get a pair of those button or buckle low-cut shoes, of L. X. P. & B. make, at J. Challis & Bro's, first shoe store west of the post office.
May 8 d12

Home-Made Candy, fresh, at Wood's Candy Factory, 23 Merchant street.
May 2—d1f

Hams, Shoulders, Bacon, pickled pork, canned and dried beef, by the pound or slice, at 37 North Church-st.
April 30—d4w3m B. D. PHILLIPS

All kinds of Upholstery work done right at Ashby's. ap17-d&w1f

Dr. Marshall's Lung Syrup takes the lead of all medicines for coughs, colds, asthma, and pulmonary complaints generally. Call on your druggist and try a bottle of it. Price only 25 cents.
May 8 d&w1w

Elstein is offering special inducements in dry goods, notions, etc. Call and see him. May 8 d1w

Blue Flannel Suits for \$10, at May 8 d10 B. STINE'S.

A Large Assortment of children's colored shoes just received at May 6 d&w1w BARBER & BAKER'S.

TEACHERS' MEETING.

DECATUR, ILL., May 5, 1877.

The Macon County Teachers' Association met at the county superintendent's office, and was called to order at 10 o'clock a. m. by the marshal, W. H. Runkle. Fourteen teachers present.
Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.
W. A. Yeaman, in a short address, presented some very good points on teaching reading. He recommended short lessons and thorough drill on the elementary sounds in words. A few remarks were added by Miss W. F. Fulton and S. B. Mountz.
Spelling was discussed by W. H. Runkle. He would use the written method, believing that seeing the form of the word aids pupils greatly in retaining its orthography.
A. W. Coleman illustrated his manner of teaching small pupils to write by showing them the similarity between script and Roman letters. He thinks the script letters more easily formed than the Roman, and argued that children can learn to write as readily as print words. He made several very good points.
The report of the committee on teachers' library was next read and accepted. The subscriptions to the library have reached forty dollars, and quite a number of good works on teaching have been donated. The teachers all felt gratified to know that the work is progressing so happily, and that the Macon County Teachers' Library would soon be a reality. Mr. L. E. Brown offered some very appropriate suggestions respecting the manner of conducting the library, and recommended that since the city libraries requested the association to buy their library to the city library, the books be kept there in charge of the city librarian, instead of at the county superintendent's office, as was at first proposed. Twenty teachers present at the close of the session.

APPROPRIATION.
Institute convened at 11 o'clock, W. H. Runkle in the chair. Fourteen teachers present.
The subject of Grammar was presented by J. S. Crawford. He gave his method of analyzing and illustrating it by analyzing, a simple, a complex, and a compound sentence, by straight line analysis. He appeared very familiar with his subject and presented it in a creditable manner.
The library question was now resumed, and after a few remarks by the chairman of the committee, a motion was made to have the library kept in the city library, but no books to be taken from the teachers' library except by persons holding a certificate from the association. The motion was unanimously adopted.
On motion of Mr. Gastman, the committee on teachers' library were empowered to make full regulations for the government of the library, to receive subscriptions, to collect moneys subscribed, to select and purchase books, and make whatever other arrangements they may deem necessary for the good of the library and the association.
Mr. Gastman next favored us with one of his usual interesting talks on Zoology, which was highly appreciated by those present. He began with a specimen of the American butterfly, showing the cocoon, chrysalis, butterfly and its eggs. Next gave a complete classification of the Antennates, but drilled on the Coleoptera, taking for his subject a full-grown, well-kept potato beetle. He told us all about this beetle's habits, and for its destruction recommended Paris green, mixed with flour or ashes, and sprinkled over them, as certain death; but it must be used with care, as the Paris green is a deadly poison. He also gave the beetle's history, its progress and travels, and also the estimated damage done by it.
Plant lice were next exhibited and their habits given. They lay their eggs in the fall, which hatch the next spring; but during the summer they bring forth living young, which lay eggs in the fall to hatch the next spring, and so on from year to year.
The chintz bug was next done. The present year the crop promises a small yield of these insects. In 1874, by careful estimate, the damage done by the chintz bug in Illinois was not less than \$17,000,000. They do but little damage north of this state, but further south are very destructive. The females live over winter, and coming out in the spring go down in the ground and deposit their eggs on the roots of the grain. The eggs hatch, and the young insects climb up and devour the grain. One mother can produce 100,000,000 eggs in a season. By way of preventing the ravages of these insects, nothing can be done except burning the places where they remain over winter—that is, cornstalks, straw, dry grass, etc. The weather is the greatest preventive, and wet weather is most destructive to them.
The committee on programme reported the following for the next meeting:
Arithmetic—W. H. Runkle.
Science—Miss W. F. Fulton.
Orthoepy—L. E. Brown.
Botany—S. S. Mountz.
Spelling—Mrs. S. A. Judd.
Reading—Miss S. A. Judd.
Insects—E. A. Gastman.
Twenty teachers present at the close of the session. A teachers' normal institute will be talked of at the next meeting. All interested should be present.
On motion it was agreed to hold the next meeting in two weeks.
Adjourned to meet May 10th, at 10 a. m.
S. S. Mountz, Sec'y.

Measures Taken for the celebrated Wilson Bro's shirts, at May 8 d10d B. STINE'S.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining in the Post Office, at Decatur, Macon Co., Ill., uncalled for, May 8, 1877.

Annexed Mr. Jones T. J. Jones Wellington Kirt Lewis James Ang Lloyd A. Z. Bauman J. Lawson Sorensen Mortimer's Hotel Redgostor Dougl J. C. Donzbach Mary Daniels M. L. Dunsbach Marie Donnelly Nelson First John Gordon Harry Hunter Clara Hyland Emma Henshaw Mrs G. S. Tunison H. G. Hastergus Hesterkiah Walter Clinton Hilbro J. A. Hubbard W. W. R. P. LITTLE, P. M.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

REGULAR MEETING.

OFFICE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DECATUR, ILL., May 8, 1877.

Present—Messrs. Johns, Ulrich and Clerk.

On motion W. C. Johns was called to the chair.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The following bills were allowed and the clerk directed to draw orders on the treasurer to pay the same:

H. Mueller & Co., \$11.45; Hamscher & Mosser, \$9.50; D. M. Fielding, \$20.87; R. Ashby, (if found correct), \$9.50; Decatur Water Works, \$13.75; Isaac Brown, 70c; Jas. C. Genthum, \$40; Miss Edwards, \$2.

Treasurer's report of receipts and expenditures for the month of April, read, examined and approved.

Superintendent's report of receipts and expenditures of tuition fund, read, examined and approved.

The clerk was directed to draw orders to pay salaries of teachers and janitors when due.

Clerk directed to offer a reward of ten dollars for the arrest, or information leading to the arrest and conviction, of any person found trespassing upon the Jones' School House, the high school building or grounds, or any other school building in this district.

A communication from Dr. Gregory, Regent of the Industrial University, was read. He proposes a system of examinations which would bring the high schools of the state into closer connection with the University. On motion, the clerk was directed to inform Dr. Gregory that the Board would willingly cooperate with him in bringing about so desirable a result.

On motion adjourned.

W. C. JOHNS, Pres't pro tem. E. A. GASTMAN, Clerk.

Bound to Have a Good Time Anyhow.—Last Saturday a man living about three miles from town came to the city and got blind drunk. He was found in this condition by Marshal Pringle, who gave him quarters in the calaboose. In the evening the man's son came to the officer and begged of him to let his father go home with him. The kind-hearted officer took the father from the calaboose and placed him in the wagon with his boy, and allowed him to go, by his paying the jail fee. But the fellow was not to be cheated out of his good time in that way, so on Sunday morning he was up again, bright and early, and by seven o'clock he was again in the city, and in less than an hour from that time was as crazy drunk as a man could well be. In this condition he perambulated the streets for a while, making considerable noise, and was afterwards overhauled by the police and again chucked into the lock-up.—This time it was thought that he had better interview Justice Albert, who assessed him the usual three dollars and costs, and advised him to go home, which he did; but on reflection concluded that he had not jollified quite enough, so on Monday he came in to finish up the drunk. A short time sufficed to lay him out on the sidewalk, where he was found by officer Pringle, and a third time "jugged," where he spent Monday night sobering up. Yesterday morning he was taken before Justice Peake, who served him up a second dose of three dollars and trimmings, and sent him home. Whether he has got enough or not remains to be seen. Out of sympathy for his excellent family we withhold the name.

Illinois State Sunday School Convention.—The nineteenth annual convention of the Illinois State Sunday School Association will be held at Peoria, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 15th, 16th and 17th. A programme of exercises for each day has been arranged by the executive committee, and sent to the secretaries of the county associations, and will by them be distributed to the schools of the respective counties. Several of the Sunday School workers in this city and county propose to attend the convention a part or all of the time.

The "Try Company" will meet for organization in the building on the southwest corner of the old square, next Saturday morning, at 9 o'clock, sharp. All the members are expected to be present. By order of
THE COMMITTEE.Prof. S. M. Lutz will organize a singing class for boys and girls, between 10 and 14 years of age, at Miss Green's music room, in post office block, on Saturday, May 12th, at 3 o'clock, p. m. He will give sixteen lessons, and furnish books for \$1.50.
May 8 d3f

Everybody Goes to MILLER'S Restaurant. Jan 8-d1f

TO OUR LADY READERS.

Let us tell you what reached our desk this week. A magazine which supplies information on every article a lady or child can wish to wear, from the sole of her feet to the top of her head. Each article is richly illustrated; underneath stands the description, with the number of yards it takes to make; and then comes the price at which you can purchase it. All classes are provided for. The wealthiest and the least wealthy—all can find qualities suited to their means. Inter-laved between the fashion descriptions we find page after page of original reading matter; not such as overloads so many publications, but bright, suggestive, instructive contributions by our best lady writers, on subjects in which every sensible lady takes pleasure and interest. "The Kitchen," "The Home," "The Cultivation of Beauty," "The Education of Children," "The Art of Dress making," etc., etc.—all are standard articles on standard subjects.
Now, when we say, further, that this magazine, a monster volume of 116 pages, is only the "Spring" number of a publication which costs but 50 cents for a whole year's subscription, our readers will understand why we consider it somewhat remarkable. It is published by Ehrlich & Co., Nos. 287 and 289 Eighth Avenue, New York City, the enterprising merchants who thus meet a great demand of ladies who live away from the great metropolises, and yet are eager to learn of the vagaries of fashion and of the price for which these vagaries can be purchased. The accompanying directions, according to which goods should be ordered, are so clear and simple that a child could thus order its wardrobe. You will not regret subscribing to "FASHION'S FAVORITE QUARTERLY."

The "Try Company," a meeting of which is called for organization on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, in the building at the corner of the Old square and West Main street, is an association of boys who are pledged to abstinence from profanity, the use of tobacco and intoxicating drinks. Mr. Pennwell is assisting in the organization, together with other persons friendly to the purposes of the society. Attention is called to the notice of the meeting on Saturday, which appears in another place.

\$1.50 will buy a good linen vest at B. Stine's. [8 10d

Juvenile Thieves.—A few days ago Marshal Pringle was informed that three fine revolvers had been stolen from a hardware store in Jacksonville, and that the supposed thieves were three young boys. The police were notified to keep a look-out for the goods, and yesterday officer Condon picked up a brace of boys at the depot, who were trying to sell a very handsome new revolver. He brought them up to police headquarters, and upon examination it was discovered that they were the right birds. The authorities at Jacksonville were notified by telegraph, and an officer came up on the night train and took the boys in custody. They had disposed of one revolver before they were caught, and it is thought that the third boy is somewhere in the city with the other stolen pistol. The two who were caught are quite young, one of them not seeming to be more than thirteen years old.

Croquet.—John C. Mark has a full line of croquet sets, of different prices, and also new styles of picture frames and mouldings, all of which he is selling very cheap. Call and examine these goods before purchasing.
May 9-d1f

Library Notice.—The Library will be closed from to-day (27th) until about the middle of May, in order to invoice and clear the rooms. No more books will be loaned till sometime after the 15th of next month. Those now out must be returned by the 10th. The reading room will be kept open as usual, till further notice. By order of the library committee.
Apr 27 dtd R. L. EVANS, Librarian.

The Cheapest Hamburg Embroideries yet Offered, just received by LINN & SCRUGGS.
March 10 d&w1f

The Nobbiest styles of men's shoes, at J. Challis & Bro's, sign of the big boot updo door.
May 8 d1d

Hemp Carpets are selling at 15 cents a yard, at March 9-d1f LINN & SCRUGGS.

Pasturage.—I have pasturage for 15 or 20 head of cattle. Plenty of water. Apr 23-d1w R. H. MERRYWEATHER.

Wanted.—Employment a portion or all of his time as book-keeper, salesman, or otherwise. Address L. J. Republican office.
March 23 d1f

A Handsome line of spring and summer dry goods, in latest styles, just received, at S. Binsten's.
May 9 d1w

Call on Ashby for Window Shades and Pictures, Cornices and Lambrequins, of the best style and workmanship.
Apr 23-d&w1f

A Large Lot of new prints, at 6¢ cents, at Linn & Scruggs'. Dec 12 d&w1f

Wanted, at the Farmer's Store, 37 North Church street, in exchange for cash and goods, all kinds of produce. April 30—d&w3m E. B. PRATT.

Men's Flow Shoes, from \$1.75 to \$2, at BANGS & BAKER'S.
March 22 d&w1w

Patents procured by L. P. Graham, at 38 West Wood street. [July 31 d1y

THE BEST RECUPRANT.

Of failing energy, that to which the fagged out man of business, the brain-fatigued author, the tired advocate of the artisan can resort with the greatest certainty that it will revive his overwrought powers, is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, a most genial tonic cordial, as well as a benign remedy for disorders of the stomach, liver, bowels and urinary organs, and a means of eradicating and preventing intermittent and remittent fevers. It not only enriches the blood and creates a new fund of energy in the system, but it has the effect of expelling impurities from the life current which begot disease. The injurious influence of abrupt transitions of temperature, of an unwholesome climate, and injurious diet, are counteracted by it, and it promotes digestion, appetite, and sound repose. Give it a trial and be convinced.
may7-d&w1w

A Sound mind in a sound body is a short description of a happy state in this world. He that has these two has little more to wish for; and he that wants either of them will be but little the better for anything else. Secure both by the use of MANN'S REACTIONARY HEALTH LIFT.

GOLDBURG
Sells Ladies' White Underwear very cheap. He has on hand,
50 Chemise at 50 cents;
50 N. Gowns at \$1.00;
Embroideries, from 5¢ a yard upward.
Hosiery and Gloves, very cheap;
Back Combs;
Ladies' Linen Dresses, handsomely made up, and sold very cheap.
Bottree's Duplex Corset, at \$1.25, and other styles in corsets, at corresponding low prices.
Lace goods, such as the latest styles in collars and blouses, very cheap.
Ties and Ruchers, Fichus, and a large stock of Zephyrs, Burlap, Canvas, and other styles, sold very cheap.
April 24-d1f

100 Dozen French Corsets, at 75¢ and \$1.00, just received—the handsomest, best and cheapest cannot ever sold.
Oct 16 d1f LINN & SCRUGGS.

German Class.—Miss Anna Holt will give lessons in German, in the room over Keeler's hat store, (formerly East Hughes' office. For particulars enquire at the rooms as above, from five to seven and a half o'clock, in the evening.
March 7—d1m

For Sale.—A complete lay-out for a huckster, who wishes to attend fairs or picnics, consisting of canvas for a large tent, shelves, counters, etc. Apply at Ashby's, Opera Block.
May 2 d1w2

Ice Cream, to-day, at Wood's Confectionery, 23 Merchant street.
May 22—d1f

Go to E. R. Pratt's, 37 North Church street, for your groceries, glass and queensware. [Apr 30 d&w3m

Remember, S. Feinstein is still selling his best prints 10 yards for \$1.00.

New Green Grocery.—Hold & Blenz have opened a green grocery in Priest house block, next door north of Shupp's grocery store, where they will keep a full supply of fresh vegetables, garden truck and all kinds of fruits in their season. They solicit a share of public patronage.
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All the latest styles of men's fine shoes (sewed shoes) at May 3—d&w1w BARBER & BAKER'S.

Madame De Silver, the clairvoyant and great fortune teller of the West is at Priest's hotel. Call soon. Fee from 50 cents to \$1.00. [may2-d1w w1

Singer Sewing Machines. GREAT REDUCTION. The New Family Singer Sewing Machine will hereafter be sold at \$35.1

and all other styles of genuine Singer Machines at equally reduced prices. Though these machines have been reduced one-half in price, the quality will be maintained at its highest standard.
THE SINGER MANUFACTURING CO.
May 8-d3d

R. C. CROCKER, NO. 9, WATER STREET, HAS A CHOICE AND WELL-SELECTED STOCK OF

HARDWARE!

Cook Stoves, Tinware, Nails, Glass, Garden Tools

—AND—

Blue Glass

CHEAP FOR CASH.

Having purchased the right to manufacture the above-named SPRING BED for Northern Illinois, I am prepared to fill all orders promptly. Orders left with J. ASHBY will receive prompt attention.
OFFICE AND MANUFACTORY—Corner Cerro (Jordan and Franklin Sts., Decatur, Illinois.
Decatur, Ill., April 7, 1877—d1m w3m

S. A. UNDERWOOD.

1877 SPRING 1877

DRY GOODS!

CARPETS!

Oil Cloths, Window Shades, Lace Curtains, Satin, Damask, etc., etc.

LINN & SCRUGGS

Are receiving and have on Sale all the Novelties in British and French

DRESS GOODS,

Embracing every Shade and Grade, and at lower rates than have been offered since the War. Also a New and Elegant Stock of

CARPETS.

As low in price as they can be had anywhere in the United States,
Decatur, March 15, 1877—d&w1f

GOLD! GOLD!

Taken in exchange for

BOOTS AND SHOES

—AT—

L. L. FERRISS'S STORE,

or its equivalent in paper or silver, at One Dollar per pair on BOOTS, and Fifty cts. per pair on SHOES—less than any other store in Decatur is selling them. ONE PRICE.

Large invoices BURT'S SHOES just received.
April 10, 1877—d&w1f

L. L. FERRISS.

J. H. LEWIS & CO.

HAVE REMOVED

Their Stock of

QUEENSWARE, GLASSWARE,

TOYS AND NOTIONS.

—TO—

OPERA HOUSE BLOCK,

Opposite the Fountain, next door to the furniture store.
Decatur, March 12, 1877—d1f

OLD-FASHIONED

Square Bar Soap is the most economical to use. Pressing and wrapping are of no possible benefit to soap, but are done to make it look attractive and salable. Procter & Gamble's Original Mottled German Soap is made of *Real Oil*, the best material known for producing a hard, serviceable and effective Soap. It is cut in one-pound bars, of convenient and economical shape, and not wrapped. The style in which this Soap is cut and packed saves all useless expense, resulting in a superior Soap at much less per pound than you are now paying for an inferior article. Every bar of the genuine stamped "PROCTER & GAMBLE-MOTTLED GERMAN." Take no other. Sold every where.

THE KANSAS CITY ADJUSTABLE

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